three years are was 1,86,060 tonnes. The year-wise production of parimary zinc during the last three years is given in the table below:

(In tonnes)

Year	Production of Zinc
1999-2000	1,74,957
2000-2001	1,78,015
2001-2002	2,05,209

(b) The quantity of zinc produced by the smelter of HZL located in Visakhapatnam during the last three years was as follows:

(In tonnes)

Year	Production of Zinc
1999-2000	34,364
2000-2001	31,960
2001-2002	36,816

(c) For increasing the production of zinc in the country the following steps have been taken:

(i) HZL has expanded the installed capacity of Vizag and Debari Smelters by 10,000 tonnes each.

(ii) Reconnaissance Permits/Prospecting Licences have been granted for exploration of zinc which may result in find of new zinc deposits and eventual extraction of zinc from the ore.

Investment in Kala-Kote Coal Mines in J & K

2528. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been invested in Kala-Kote Coal Mines at Kalakat in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) what is the ratio of Central and State Government in respect of investment on this project;

(c) how many employees have been working in this coal mines permanently or casually and since when; and

(d) what is the annual income and expenditure on this coal mine and what is the status of this project in respect of loss and gain?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir have invested Rs. 714.44 lakh in the coal mines in Kalakot through the Jammu and Kashmir Minerals Limited (J&KML), a fully owned undertaking of the State Government. No investment has been made by the Central Government directly in these mines.

(c) On inception of mining activity in 1962 the J&KML had appointed about 500 employees on permanent basis. At present the staff strength is as under:—

(i) On permanent basis	818
(ii) On casual basis	533
TOTAL	1351

(d) During the last three years the average annual income from and the average annual expenditure on these coal mines have been Rs. 540.07 lakh and Rs. 823.80 lakh respectively. The accumulated losses at present are Rs. 3338.75 lakh.

Cases of survey licences and mining leases from Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

†2529. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases received every year for search permits, survey licences and mining leases in M.P. and Chhattisgarh during the last three years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.